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MH supports broadband project

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills council is supporting an agreement between Haliburton County and Bell to bring or improve high-speed, broadband Internet to a number of public buildings in the county.

Council granted support after hearing a presentation from county IT manager Mike March and treasurer Elaine Taylor during a Feb. 11 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

During a Jan. 27 Haliburton County council meeting, council agreed to contribute \$360,000 to a deal with Bell to expand the company's fibre network in the community. Between the fibre expansion and digital subscriber lines (DSL), a total of 24 public buildings will gain or get improved access to high-speed, broadband Internet.

Minden Hills will reimburse the county for the service fees for the Minden Hills buildings that will benefit from the project, those fees totalling about \$13,000 a year.

The county will pay for any small equipment purchases, such as a new firewall at the arena.

Bell is making a significant capital investment in the project, with fibre costing the company between \$20,000 and \$30,000 per kilometre.

"It's an awful lot of bang for the buck," said Reeve Brent Devolin. While the project deals solely with public buildings, it will improve and increase the number of public

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Educating on Angelman Syndrome

Bethan McCutcheon, left, and Sue Tiffin are organizers of Catch the Cure, which took place Feb. 13 at the Minden Hills Community Centre. The event raises awareness of Angelman Syndrome and funds for research on the rare disorder.
CHAD INGRAM Staff

Budget cuts jeopardize centre, committee says

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Feb. 11 Minden Hills committee-of-the-whole meeting.

Members of the advisory committee for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre are unhappy with council's plan to cut \$50,000 from the cultural centre's \$340,000 budget for 2016 and, if Reeve Brent Devolin has his way, another \$50,000 in 2017.

Minden Hills council is aiming to keep the property tax increase for 2016 under 10 per cent. The \$391,000 increase in the township's OPP bill alone equates to a 6.24 per cent increase over the 2015 tax levy.

Council instructed community services director Mark Coleman to slash \$50,000 from the facility's budget during the first round of budget talks last month.

Minutes from the advisory committee's Feb. 1 meeting show committee members are concerned about the funding changes and the committee is asking council to re-examine its decision.

The committee's recommendation to council reads. "The Minden Hills Cultural Centre advisory committee requests council to reconsider the \$50,000 reduction in the 2016 budget and further recognize that a proposed further reduction of an additional \$50,000 in the 2017 budget would seriously compromise

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Landfill company makes compaction pitch

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Highlands Environmental, the company in charge of Minden Hills's landfills, wants to run a test pilot program for compacting recyclables.

Brigitte Gall and Paul Barclay of Highlands Environmental made a presentation to Minden Hills councillors during their Feb. 11 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

"We know that we have a largely tourism-

based economy here," Gall said. "There is more and more material being brought into your landfills."

Gall said this surge of materials happens not just during the busy summer months, pointing to the large volume of recycling that came in following the Christmas holidays.

"That increase also creates an increase in bin transfers," Gall said.

The municipality pays by the bin, not weight, when recycling is transported to processing facilities.

It costs \$180 per bin of plastic and glass

and \$160 per bin of cardboard and fibre and \$80 per bin for weekend bin switches.

For the 2014/15 budget year, Minden Hills spent approximately \$71,880 on transport and transfer fees.

By compacting the recycling – the compacting fee per bin would be \$50 – Highlands Environmental believes the township could save \$30,000 a year on its transport and transfer fees.

Gall said the compaction rate for glass and plastic is three-to-one and two-to-one for plastic and glass.

The company is suggesting a March-to-August test pilot, which would help provide an idea of how much recyclable waste is being generated not just through summer, the spring shoulder season as well.

"We're not reinventing the wheel, we're not doing anything that other municipalities aren't doing locally," Gall said.

"Philosophically, the compactors save money, there's no argument here," said Reeve Brent Devolin.

Devolin said the issue for the township would be logistics and cost.

Devolin wants \$100K cut at centre during two years

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the cultural centre's ability to operate."

"I don't concur with their recommendation," Reeve Brent Devolin said.

Minden Hills council held a second round of budget discussion Feb. 16, with councillors supporting a revised draft budget from Coleman, who shaved more than \$52,000 from his department. At the cultural centre, three student positions, one at each of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Nature's Place and the Minden Hills Museum, will be eliminated. There will be a reduction in programming dollars at all three facilities, conference and education funding will be removed and there will be a reduction of hours for relief staff, from a total of 2,066 to 1,462. There are also reduced supply expenses for the museum and Nature's Place. Coleman also expects there to be a reduction in utility costs at

the facility following the installation of LED fixtures in 2015.

Minden Hills council will pass the 2016 budget in March.

Artisans' market moves

The artisans' market held at the cultural centre last summer will move closer to the farmers' market outside the township office on Milne Street this summer.

Last summer, the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association put on its first market in Minden and its success means the market, located in the parking lot of the Minden Hills office at 7 Milne St., will continue this year.

The vendors from the artisans' market believe its success contingent upon being located closer to the farmers' market. To retain

its status, the farmers' market can only have a certain percentage of non-food vendors.

Instead of combining the markets, Minden Hills council will allow the artisans' market to set up in a different area of the municipal property, towards Newcastle Street.

"I think there's huge synergies for both," said Reeve Brent Devolin.

"I think the benefit to the downtown will be significant," said Councillor Jeanne Anthon, although Anthon did say the artisans' market brought extra people to the cultural centre last summer.

Development cost charges for MH?

In December, the provincial government passed Bill 73, the Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, which makes a number of changes to the Planning Act.

Significant among them is the elimination

of the ability for people to make global appeals against official plans, that is, to appeal an entire plan itself, and the lengthening of the time period during which municipalities must conduct reviews of their official plans, from every five years to every 10.

Reeve Brent Devolin said he believes the biggest implication for townships such as Minden Hills is the province's preference for municipalities to enact development cost charges. As the names implies, development cost charges are fees charged when new development occurs in a township.

Devolin said the province considers DCCs a revenue tool that townships should be using.

"At some point in time, we will not get grants [if the township doesn't have DCCs]," Devolin said. "We have to begin to think about how we do that with the least negative impact."

Townships will reimburse county for service fees

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wireless hot spots. As Devolin pointed out, the expansion of the fibre network in the community means that in the future, Bell or another company could potentially undertake a residential project.

Bell will own the infrastructure and retains the right to make agreements with third parties.

In Minden Hills, the arena, township office, cultural centre, Lutterworth roads garage and the water treatment plant will get upgraded Internet services and the fire hall

will gain Internet access.

The fibre service is 100 Mbps symmetrical and the service agreement is for 10 years.

If in that time Minden Hills or another one of the townships constructs a new building, March said the pricing in the agreement would apply.

The township has asked how much it would cost to run fibre to the community centre in Irondale and Lochlin.

March said it would cost approximately \$45,000 to run fibre to the Irondale facility and as much as \$180,000 to the Lochlin hall.

The project will help ease capacity issues at highly frequented public wireless hot spots,

such as the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

"Some of our most popular hot spots . . . in 2015, experienced a lot of problems," March said, explaining high volume slowed down connectivity for users.

"It's like feeding cornflakes to you, one at time," Devolin said.

Not only should the project improve capacity, but Devolin said he also wanted to see the exterior, wireless area at the cultural centre grow.

The request for proposals for the project was completed by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, which was seeking the best collective deal for the municipalities

that comprise the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

The county contributed \$500,000 to the \$170-million EORN broadband project that was completed in 2014. That project attempted to provide high-speed Internet to 95 per cent of homes and businesses in the area, although many residents in the county are still without access. Many residents have also expressed discontentment with the quality of the satellite Internet service meant to fill the gap areas.

EORN is working on a rural wireless gap analysis.

Correction

One person was incorrectly identified in photos from the horticulture society potluck in the Feb. 11 issue of the Minden Times. The people in the top picture were

identified as Roger and Cindy Clements when in fact the man is Roger Clements and the woman holding the book is Cynthia Gilmore, a horticulture society member.

Cindy Clements was in the original picture off to the side.

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Fire destroys home near Moore Falls

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

A year-round home near Moore Falls was destroyed by fire during the weekend.
The call for the blaze came in about 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb.

14, Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell told the paper.
Minden Hills has a shared services agreement with the City of Kawartha Lakes.
“The call came from them,” Schell said, adding that firefighters from three or four stations in the City of Kawartha Lakes attended the blaze.
While the residents were home at the time, there were no

injuries, Schell said.
Minden Hills firefighters were on scene along Buller Road until about 2:30 a.m. The extreme cold did affect some of the equipment.
“Weather creates a nuisance sometimes,” Schell said.
It’s believed the fire started in the home’s furnace.

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

February 25, 2016

9:00 am, Regular Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Please Note: Public Meeting will be held for 2016 Draft Budget.

March 10, 2016

9:00 a.m.COTW, Council Chambers, to be followed by a Special Council Meeting
Re: 2016 Budget Approval

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Take Notice, a Public Meeting will be held regarding the 2016 Draft Budget on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING

8314 HIGHWAY 35 PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (PLZBA2015061)

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as 8314 Highway 35 and located in Part of Lot 28 & 29, Concession 3 in the Geographic Township of Lutterworth (see Key Map below).

AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Rural (RU); Rural Exception Six (RU-6); and Recreational Commercial Exception One (C3-1)). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Recreational Commercial (C3-XX); and Rural (RU-XX) Zones. Recently, provisional consent (File H-001-2015) was granted to sever the subject property. The application for rezoning has been submitted to meet the conditions of the provisional consent and will allow the severed and retained parcels to comply with the Townships Zoning By-law. The effect of the amendment is to recognize the existing uses on each of the severed and retained parcels as well as the reduced Front Yard and High Water Mark setback of the existing dwelling located on the retained parcel.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLZBA2015061

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2016
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m or by calling Mr. Ian Clendening at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request (with a forwarding address) to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills.

DATED this 18th day of February, 2016

Ian Clendening
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KEY MAP
PLZBA2015061



This Figure is not an excerpt from the Township of Minden Hills Official Plan or Zoning By-law 06-10, and is not to be considered a legal description of the boundaries of the properties affected by this application; it has been included for reference purposes only.

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Allocating stimulus funds

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

It's clear the federal government will be making a great deal of money available to municipalities for stimulus projects, but what's not yet clear is just how that money will be allocated.

"The question now is how it's going to be done," said Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale as he visited Minden Hills councillors Feb. 11.

The Liberals have pledged to run deficits of \$10 billion a year to help municipalities with infrastructure and attempt to jump-start the lagging economy. Earlier this month, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau met with the mayors of Canada's major cities, who are crying out for stimulus dollars.

Some are advocating a gas-tax-style distribution of the stimulus funding, where money would be divided up among all municipalities based on a set formula that takes population into account.

"That could be beneficial to a number of communities," Schmale said.

Reeve Brent Devolin said he understood it could be as late as April before the federal budget is tabled and Schmale said that was his understanding also.

Devolin also asked Schmale about the provision of Internet and whether there was any indication the Internet will begin to

be thought of as an essential service.

Haliburton County councillors recently voted to invest \$360,000 in a project that will see Bell expand its fibre network in the community. Many county residents are still without access to reliable, high-speed, broadband Internet.

"It's very frustrating for many people and I don't blame them," said Schmale, who said he had spoken with colleagues who are also MPs of rural areas and that the next step would be to approach ministers.

"As we all know, if you're not connected to the Internet, you're not connected to the world."

Councillor Pam Sayne wondered about the prospect of a national housing strategy. Canada is the only G8 country without a national housing strategy.

While Schmale wasn't sure what would happen, he pointed out that traditionally, the federal government does one-on-one negotiations with provinces regarding funding for housing.

Social housing in Canada is a provincial responsibility and in recent years, more and more housing responsibilities and costs have been downloaded to municipalities.

Since being elected in the Oct. 19 election, Schmale has been making the rounds, introducing himself to the riding's municipal councils, Minden Hills being the final one last week.

A former radio journalist, Schmale served as executive assistant to predecessor Barry Devolin for 11 years.



Geese along Minden's Riverwalk. **ANGELICA INGRAM Staff**

Getting rid of geese in MH

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

From shoreline re-naturalization to drones, there are many methods Minden Hills could use to deal with the problem of Canadian geese soiling the township's Riverwalk pathway.

Community services director Mark Coleman presented a list of options for dealing with the geese population along the Gull River to Minden Hills councillors during a Feb. 11 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

Geese defecating along the river's banks and the pathway that meanders through the centre of the village of Minden have been an issue for years and past councils have attempted to deal with the problem various ways, including the use of dogs to disturb the animals.

Canadian geese are a federally regulated species, protected under the Migratory Birds Convention Act.

Coleman, who stressed that with his parks background he has plenty of experience dealing with geese, told council the best way to deal with the fowl is to use a combination of modified landscape and disturbance.

"Although this may not be perceived as an acceptable solution to some landowners, changing the landscape is the best long-term solution to many human-geese conflicts," Coleman wrote in a report. "It is environmentally friendly, easy to implement and non-lethal to geese. There are several ways to reduce the attractiveness of habitat in urban and other areas to geese that do not necessarily reduce its attractiveness to humans or other wildlife. Some municipalities have realized unexpected benefits from this approach. Those benefits include greater enjoyment by the public of the larger variety of wild bird species attracted to the increased diversity of habitats provided."

Because geese prefer open areas that give them room to take off and land, using vegetative buffers such as tall grass, shrubs, trees and bushes can deter geese from using an area.

Coleman said landscape alteration, combined with regular hazing of the birds, should prove most effective.

Coleman cautioned residents that not just any form of disturbance is permitted for the legislatively protected animals.

"Certain disturbance practices could be deemed harassment of the wildlife," he said.

Regulations state that, "any person may, without a permit, use equipment, other than aircraft or firearms, to scare migratory birds that are causing or likely to cause damage to crops or other property."

Acceptable disturbance methods include propane cannons, air horns, strobe lights and lasers, recorded geese distress noises, flagging tape and streamers, balloons and kites, flags, scarecrows, decoys and motion-activated sprinklers.

Coleman, who has practised relocation of the birds in past, said this method is ineffective.

"They do come back," he told councillors.

Reeve Brent Devolin said he'd been in contact with a man who uses drones to scare geese off golf courses.

"They start to view it like a predator," Devolin said, adding that while geese may be accustomed to being chased on land, it seems to frighten them more being chased into the air and so they stay away for longer.

Permits can be acquired from Environment Canada for the killing of geese or destruction of their eggs. Environment Canada has also liberalized hunting regulations pertaining to geese in recent years, allowing hunters to take more of the birds.

Residents are asked to refrain from feeding the geese.

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services board chairman John Kay spins the drum in the HHHS Foundation's first Cash for Care draw on Feb. 12 at the Haliburton Hospital. Heather Routledge of Minden was the lucky winner of \$500 and her ticket goes back in the drum for another chance to win. There are two more early bird draws and then on May 27 they will draw for three cash prizes with the most being \$20,000. HHHSF executive director Dale Walker thanked ticket agents and local media for spreading the word and to those who purchased tickets in the fundraiser for health care. The next early bird draw is March 17. For tickets call 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580 or email foundation@hhhs.on.ca. JENN WATT Staff

Protesting OPP billing

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hill is asking the provincial government to reconsider the new OPP billing framework it instituted in 2015.

Councillors for the township supported a resolution calling on the province to review and change the model during a Feb. 11 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

Redistributing total OPP costs on a per household basis throughout the province, the new billing model came into effect last year and is being phased in during a five-year period. Because seasonal residences qualify as households, cottaging communities such as Minden Hills and other lower-tier townships that comprise Haliburton County are getting hammered hard.

In Minden Hills, the township's OPP invoice for 2015 was \$1.46 million, a \$260,500 increase from the year before. In 2016, the bill is jumping by another \$391,000, to a total of \$1.85 million. The \$391,000 increase equates to a 6.24 per cent increase in the township's tax levy, which will be passed directly to taxpayers.

Council's goal for 2016 is to keep the property tax increase for Minden Hills residents below 10 per cent.

"Be it resolved that the Township of Minden Hills requests that the Minister of Community

Safety and Correctional Services review and reconsider the new OPP billing model; reconsider assuming a larger portion of the overall OPP budget for all Ontario municipalities serviced by the OPP; and perform an in-depth review of the current expenditures in order to reduce the cost per household."

Copies of the resolution will be sent to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister Yasir Naqvi, Finance Minister Charles Sousa, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to all municipalities serviced by the OPP.

Numerous other townships have passed similar resolutions.

"I think the government's made up its mind," said Reeve Brent Devolin. "It's in the 'do no harm' category for me. We can keep trying."

At the upper-tier level, Devolin noted that county councillors are working through organizations such as the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and the AMO to lobby the province on the issue. On Feb. 12, Naqvi announced the start of public consultations on the province's Strategy for a Safer Ontario, which includes the sustainability of policing costs.

An online survey can be filled out at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/police-police-services-and-community-safety>.

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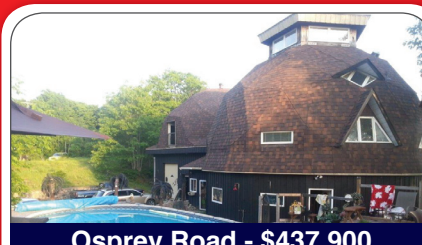


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Beggars

THINK OF CRITICAL infrastructure and one may picture roads, bridges and culverts.

Think of essential services and ambulances and fire trucks may come to mind.

In 2016, the Internet also belongs on that list. Critical infrastructure. An essential service. A necessity. The argument could be made that a lack of reliable, high-speed Internet puts a community at a disadvantage, jeopardizing its ability to attract new residents and in turn, its economic development.

Haliburton County council is trying its best to bring broadband Internet into the community. There is a phrase about beggars and choosers and the reality is the municipal government doesn't have a lot of options. Providers are not stumbling over themselves to set up shop in the county, with its vast expanse, small population and challenging topography.

A few years back, the county invested \$500,000 in a \$170-million project through the Eastern Ontario Regional Network that loftily aimed to provide high-speed to 95 per cent of homes and businesses throughout the eastern portion of the province.

The project fell short of expectations. There are still many county residents without access to reliable Internet, and not just those living among rock faces in far-flung corners of Algonquin Highlands.

Residents of Harburn Road, a fairly main artery just outside Haliburton village, are without good Internet, as are those living along County Road 1 between Haliburton

village and Minden.

The satellite Internet that was supposed to fill the gaps in the project has delivered nowhere the near the capacity it was supposed to.

Some have suggested the county got ripped off on the EORN project and some have expressed hesitation about a new project, where the county is investing \$360,000 for Bell, which will pony up much more money, to expand its fibre network in the community.

There has been lamentation that the new project, which will add or improve Internet access at 24 public buildings, increasing and improving the number of free, public, wireless hot spots, has no residential component.

Again, beggars can't be choosers. The county must do the best it can with the proverbial cards it's dealt. It must avail

itself of the few opportunities it has.

While the process may seem slow, frustrating and piecemeal, as some councilors have pointed out, the more fibre that gets laid down, the more opportunities there are for residential projects by Bell or other companies in the future.

As Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, using a very local analogy, put it last week, "To get the road to Percy Lake, you have to build it to Fort Irwin first."

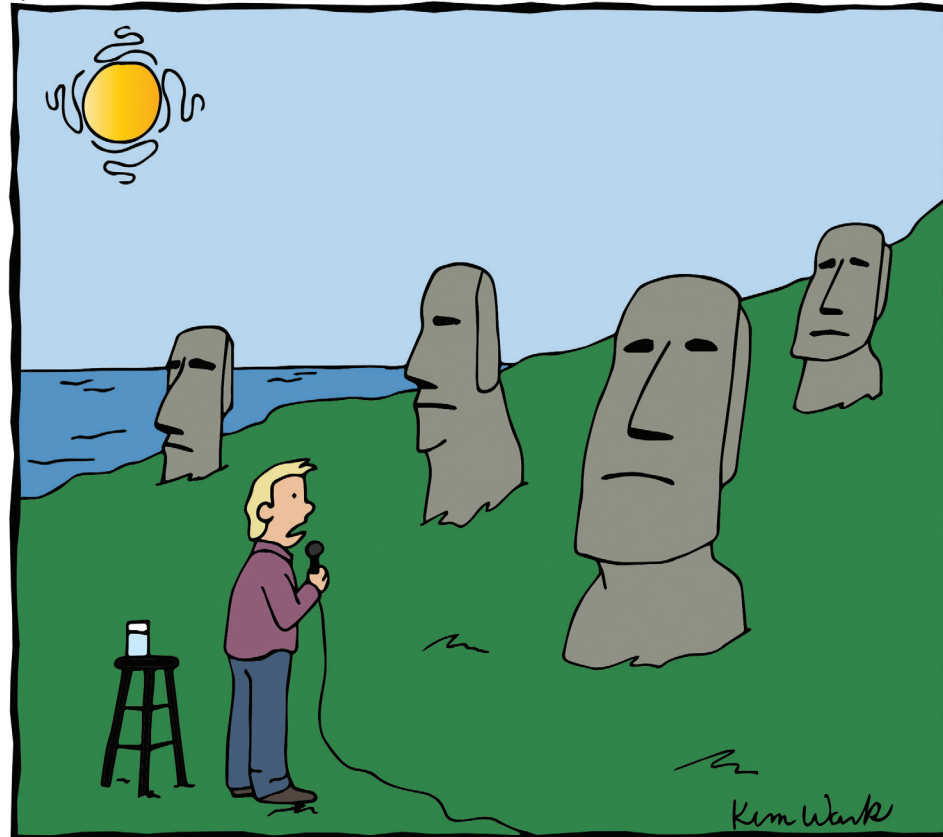
In the meantime, the federal government should be providing more financial assistance to rural communities for Internet infrastructure.

Ultimately, the Internet should be deemed an essential service. It should be free for all Canadians and it should be everywhere.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

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"WOW...TOUGH CROWD."

I want that job

MY FAVOURITE NEWS story this week is about a man who worked as a building supervisor for a municipal government in Spain.

According to the story, this fellow was making \$41,500 a year for doing this job. That seems more than fair, until you hear the second part of the story: he hadn't showed up for work for his last six years but still collected that salary. In the end, his superiors only found out he was missing because they wanted to give him an award for 20 years of service.

How could this happen?

His co-worker thought the plant was being over-seen by local authorities and that he had been laid off. The people he reported to apparently thought no news was good news. As a result, during his entire six year absence not one person noticed.

Here's the real genius of this. He was only fined \$30,000 for this stunt. That's the maximum Spanish law allows for.

That sounds like a big fine until you actually do the math.

The math says he just took a \$5,000 a year pay cut, leaving him with an annual salary of \$36,500 a year for doing absolutely nothing of value to the customer. I know that's a fragment of what most Hydro CEOs make for doing the same, but still, it's not bad coin.

Admittedly, you are not exactly going to get rich these days making that kind of money, but if you take a second job that pays that much and don't show up at that one either – well that's good compensation for what you produced.

There is a lesson to be learned here.

Basically, I picked the wrong career path.

You see, like many of you, I have to actually produce something each week. In my case, it needs to be there by deadline too. If I don't get it there, people immediately contact me and ask where the product I am being paid to create is. If I respond that I haven't produced it, I don't get paid. If I do that too many times (twice) I get fired.

I used to think that was fair. Now, however, I'm starting to think that I should have negotiated a better deal. Maybe, I

should have insisted upon a multi-year, no show clause too.

Look, I know many of you don't notice when my column isn't in the paper. In fact, I suspect some of you wouldn't notice for years on end. The problem is my editor does. As a result, I actually have to work to get paid.

Clearly, this man was supposed to do the same. But he did not.

Instead, he claims to have spent the last six years reading the works of great philosophers. Which proves, I suppose, there is a down side to everything.

I mean when you look at it that way, he was definitely underpaid.

In any case, this ought to go down as one of the greatest scams of all time. It kind of makes me curious as to what this guy will do next?

My guess is that he'll get the proper accreditation and teach a university level course on philosophy. It's actually a perfect use for the skills he has perfected over the years.

I mean, it's a philosophy class. If he doesn't show up, who's going to say anything?



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Little flu, for now

IT HAS NOT ONLY BEEN AN UNUSUALLY mild winter (except for last weekend), but an unusually mild influenza season. Everyone hopes it will stay that way.

Up to Feb. 1 there had been only 421 hospitalizations for flu reported in all of Canada. Reported flu deaths were 14 country wide.

That's a huge improvement from last flu season when 7,719 people were hospitalized with influenza and 591 died. The year previous there were 5,284 hospitalizations and 331 deaths.

Light flu seasons tend to make us forget just how dangerous influenza really is. The World Health Organization (WHO) says that each year there are three to five million cases of severe influenza worldwide. Anywhere between 250,000 to 500,000 people a year die from it.

You have to approach those big numbers with some skepticism. Flu statistics are never totally accurate. They are based on computer models and quite a bit of guesswork. For instance, if a terminally ill cancer patient comes down with a flu bug and dies, did she die from influenza?

The last serious flu outbreak was in 2009. It was the H1N1 virus that became a pandemic which WHO said killed 285,000 people worldwide. A pandemic is a worldwide outbreak as compared to an epidemic, which is when a disease affects more people than usual for a region. No matter how light a flu season might be, none of us should ever become complacent about influenza. Last fall a report to the British government identified pandemic influenza as the highest priority natural hazards risk facing humans.

We are, however, far too complacent about the danger of avian influenza - the bird flu - and the virus breeding grounds of Asia.

Some health experts believe another flu pandemic is only a matter of time. Some have for years been predicting a flu pandemic that will infect more than one-third of the world's population and kill hun-

dreds of thousands.

It has happened before. The 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic was a global disaster with 50 million deaths. There have been other flu pandemics since, including the 1967-68 Hong Kong flu, which I remember well because it sent me to the hospital.

Many believe the next flu pandemic will begin in China, the world's main mixing bowl for bird flu.

Avian flu bugs live harmlessly in the bodies of waterfowl, such as ducks and geese. When these birds mix with domesticated poultry, or sometimes pigs, the flu virus gets passed on and can mutate. Most of these influenza viruses do not affect humans, but some do and cause epidemics, and even pandemics.

The flu virus world is like alphabet soup. H1N1. H5N1. H7N9. The names keep changing as the viruses mutate until one comes along that is the Big One that allows easy human-to-human transmission.

China is an excellent bird flu factory because it has huge open air poultry operations where waterfowl can easily mix in. And southern China lies inside major waterfowl migration routes, so there are many opportunities for waterfowl to pass along their viruses.

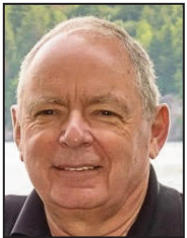
Worsening the situation is the world's increasing appetite for chicken. Chicken rapidly is becoming the world's most popular meat. Global poultry production is said to have quadrupled in the last few decades.

Poultry consumption and production is soaring in China. More of those open air - and in many cases unsanitary - markets or production areas increase the chances for bird flu virus production.

There is not much average folks can do to reduce the chances of a serious flu outbreak. We can only hope that agencies like WHO, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health agencies are diligent in their work.

We all should become better educated about flu. There are many misconceptions, such as cold weather being a cause of the flu. There often is more flu in colder weather but that's only because people spend more time indoors, increasing contact and the chances of spreading germs.

Better educated and certainly more aware so we can prod our politicians. We don't need our politicians and bureaucrats dozing like they were during the 2002-2003 SARS disaster.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

letters to the editor

Why is culture a dirty word?

To the editor,

Recent rumours and reports about township expense reducing measures including those projected for the minden hills cultural centre (mhcc) have made me think what can we do to help?

To create a culture in medicine, baking and brewing, one introduces one organism to another to make it come alive (hold that thought). Culture, the noun, means individual enrichment including acquired

Knowledge and customs, beyond ones natural heritage and environment. There is the noun culture meaning a group of individuals with similar thoughts and aims as in pop culture, folk culture, multicultural etc. So whether we want to admit it or not....We all have been affected, or infected, by culture since we each began to experience the world around us.

Now, how can we make culture more acceptable and maybe even more flavourful?

We need to change the local attitude towards the mhcc. It needs a rebirth (rebrand and relaunch) to help remove the somewhat misunderstood, unapproachable aspects that have developed. The buildings that the present dedicated care keepers have inherited are challenging to say the least. Over the years, an inauspicious exterior has been given "insult after injury". The recent palisade fence says "stay outta here" (maybe elcome arches could be added over the gateways ?) If and when you storm those ramparts where does one enter the complex? It is very hard to find the way in (maybe a few banners, a bit of

landscaping and some signage could help?) One needs to be pretty agile and determined to follow the route and get inside, and then when you do you will likely be in the kitchen. While that is how one enters many homes in this area (including mine) it seems to be a mistake at the mhcc. When given lemons why not make lemonade? So, maybe it should be and look just like a heritage kitchen with a welcoming tea kettle on the stove braided rug on the floor a tray of warm muffins sitting out or a healthy basket of apples why not? That is all culture. You can be sure that no visitor would forget the gesture. There is a possibility that local kitchen suppliers might like to be invited to show off their craft and sponsor such an improvement.

The visual arts are really only one aspect of culture. Heritage, literature, religion, music, drama, habits (like eating and drinking), folk art / crafts, dancing, athletics and alas even selfies and texting and the other "look at me" current crazes all fall into culture.

A true cultural centre could address as many of the above aspects as possible. Education should be a key aim of the centre.

How about:

Cooking? Classes and demos have some of our local great cooks demonstrate their talents especially some of the old time recipes that might soon be lost for next year, the 150th biggy how about 150 recipes from minden hills kitchens?

Travel? There is nothing as culturally enlight-

see **SOME** page 8

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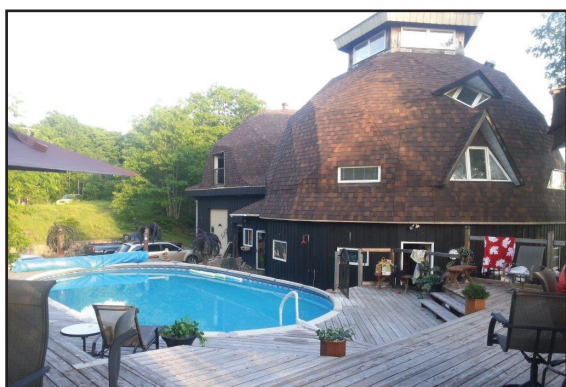


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Some suggestions

from page 7

ening as travel. Why not organize fun discovery trips to various cities for anyone not just old folks or kids.

Crafts? We recently chased our quilters out of town to Stanhope and then demolished their hive and home (the Pritchard house) just to make sure they couldn't come back maybe it could have been moved to our heritage village, the weavers are also now in Stanhope as well.

Music?...How about a choir or two? Or a sing-along "sound of music" that, along with some good beer (and classes about brewing your own) could be a fun addition to an Octoberfest event.

Nowadays with every possible morsel of knowledge at our fingertips it's the experience

that needs to be the attraction. In order to get people to make the trek is not easy. We all need to do what we can to make our cultural centre a viable and worthwhile attraction of our community.

Each and everyone of us needs to pool our individual talents and add our own brand of culture to the pot.

Let's make the headlines read: culture comes alive in Minden (it's a renaissance).

Sinclair Russell

P.S. Send us your ideas! Sinclairrussell11@gmail.com

P.P.S. Local recent efforts by interested folks including sponsors and hardworking.

Towards a healthy future

The Minden Community Kitchen and the John Howard Society have partnered together to host two separate cooking lessons called "Towards a Healthy Future" in the Community Kitchen at The Arcadia Masonic Lodge Building at 24 Newcastle St. in Minden. This is the third year that the John Howard Society has run Towards a Healthy Future cooking class but the first time in partnership with the Community Kitchen. This is a beautiful commercial kitchen fully equipped to handle classes of this type. We will be starting on Feb. 24 for six weeks from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. to teach kids to make simple nutritious snacks and meals and then from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dads and kids are invited to

a second program for families to share cooking responsibilities. The age group is 10 years old and up and the classes will be taught by Sue McClean and Marilynne Lesperance. We offer a fun safe place to learn new cooking skills and be able to eat what they cook or take some home at the end of the classes. All products are supplied at no charge and the classes are free and will be fun. Each class includes food safety and safe food handling techniques. You just have to email smcclean@jhscklh.on.ca or call 705-286-2990 so we know how many to expect. The first night of each course the parents are asked to sign a permission form.

– Submitted



Dawson's rink opens

Minden Hills councillors and family members of the late Dawson Hamilton cut the ribbon to officially open the Dawson Hamilton Outdoor Memorial Rink, located behind the SG Nesbitt Community Centre, on Feb. 11 in memory of the boy who lost his life to cancer. The initiative was made possible by councillor Lisa Schell, and community services director Mark Coleman. Reeve Brent Devolin praised Schell for her work in making the rink a reality. From left, Devolin, councillor Jeanne Anthon, councillor Pam Sayne, councillor Ron Nesbitt, Dawson's brother Tanner Hamilton, Dawson's father Scot Hamilton, Schell and Coleman. Front, Dawson's cousin Hailey Smith. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff





Tinkerbell and Peter Pan sail off into the night during the Minden Figure Skating Club's production of Peter Pan at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena Feb. 15.

Finding Neverland

Photos by Chad Ingram



Captain Hook flees the crocodile.



Members of the Minden Figure Skating Club go flying during their production of Peter Pan.



Pirates do a jig during the Minden Figure Skating Club's performance of Peter Pan.



A pirate wards off Tinkerbell and the lost boys during the battle scene.



Peter Pan and Tinkerbell lead Wendy and her siblings off to Neverland.



Pirates and the lost boys battle it out.

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The Martian

Astronaut Mark Watney is one of the first humans to land on Mars, and may now be the first human to die on Mars. After his spacesuit is compromised during a Martian dust storm, and his crew leaves him for dead, he wakes up on the red planet first bewildered that he is still alive, and then grappling to figure out how to survive alone in a hostile environment where just about everything that can save him can also kill him.

Based on the novel by Andy Weir, the motion picture adaptation of The Martian follows Watney (played by Matt Damon) as he attempts to survive until the next mission to Mars can pick him up – scavenging all the abandoned equipment at his disposal to establish shelter, water, and food to last him over a year – alone – on Mars. As he combats his own hopes and fears about survival, Watney methodically establishes a water supply, a potato farm, and listens to enough disco to drive him insane. But with each success comes a new challenge, and soon Watney and NASA are racing against time to prevent his rescue mission from becoming a recovery mission.

The Martian is a riveting space adventure tale told from the point of view of the all too human people who find themselves in the most impossible of situations. Staying

true to Weir's original wit, and featuring breathtaking landscapes of the red planet, director Ridley Scott brings the novel to life. The Martian by Andy Weir, and the movie on DVD, are available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.



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Winter Skate

Minden Skating club competed at Courtice Winter Skate Jan 29 to 31.

From left are Brayden Lynch, Abby Rosik, Melanie Walter, Denise Sherbakov, Emily Sherbakov, Ruthie Parker and Isaac Little.

Results as follows:

Brayden Lynch and Abby Rosik - Jr. Bronze Dance-2nd

Melanie Walter - Star 4 under 10-3rd

Emily Sherbakov - Star 4 under 10-6th

Denise Sherbakov - Pre-Juvenile Competitive Ladies-14th

Ruthie Parker and Isaac Little - Sr. Bronze Dance-Exhibition

Submitted by Kelly Allaire /Submitted

Tough weekend for Novices

It was a tough weekend for the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm. They started the next round of playoffs verses the Huntsville Otters. Game one was in Huntsville. The Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm fought a very good battle against the Huntsville Otters but fell short their first game of the series with a 4-2 loss. Both goals scored by Graeme Armstrong. Game two was in Haliburton. The Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm started off well with a one goal lead but unfortunately the Huntsville Otters came back and the final score was 6-2. Both goals scored by Graeme Armstrong.

Submitted by Amber Card

Jets tie Wolverines

The Bancroft I.D.A./Canadian Tire Midget B Girls Jets started their OWA provincial playdowns in Bancroft on Sunday, Feb. 14 against the pesky Keene Wolverines. The Jets will play Keene, Peterborough and Cold Creek in a home-and-home round robin play-off format with the top team advancing the OWA All-Ontario Midget B Provincial Championship. The Jets were eager to hit the ice after two weeks with no play-off games due to their first round bye in their LLFHL Midget B East loop play-offs. After a scoreless first period, the Jets took a 1-0 lead. Early in the second period, Kenndal Marsden won a face-off in the Keene end. The draw back went to Jamie Little who chipped the puck down the boards to Danielle Sunstrum who snuck behind the Keene net and tucked in a wrap-around tally to open the scoring. Keene

continued to add pressure and late in the period tied the score with a point shot that ricocheted and bounced off a few players finding its way into the net. The Wolverines secured a 2-1 lead midway through the third period when they forced a turnover in the Bancroft end and capitalized with a high glove shot. The Jets used this to spark to rally a comeback. Sydney Feir's determined efforts late in the third period tied the game at 2-2, where her wrist shot from behind the net eluded the Keene tender. Good bounce-back effort Jets. You will need to have your engines firing on all cylinders when you host the Peterborough Ice Kats on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 9:15 pm in Bancroft in the OWA playdowns, as well as the Cold Creek Comets in round two of the LLFHL play-offs. Good luck girls the rest of the way in post-season play.

Submitted by Dan Marsden



Junior Hawks lose a heartbreaker on buzzer beater three

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

It always seems like a shame that a basketball game comes down to the last shot.

Particularly when a team works as hard as the Red Hawks junior boys' basketball team did to not only tie it up late, but to put themselves in a position to win against the Kawartha High School League's best, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Titans on Wednesday, Feb. 10 in Haliburton.

However there is no question about the drama of the buzzer beater, whether for the home or the away team.

Outside of a short 24-23 lead in the third quarter, the junior boys were battling from behind.

At the start of the fourth quarter, the Titans were leading 34-26 and appeared in command.

Haliburton remained calm and collected, moving the ball around in the offensive zone, looking for open players and stayed patient on defence, working on eliminating the lanes, getting or forcing turnovers without committing a foul.

In the third quarter, Hawks forward Cam Little shone on both ends of the floor, creating turnovers and grabbing rebounds while point guard Sam Longo sank a triple to draw the team to within three points, 34-31. This effort was part of a 12-5 run for Haliburton in the fourth.

In the end forward Jordan Lapierre worked his way to the charity stripe and sank one of two, tying the game for the juniors with 11 seconds left in the game. On the second free throw Lapierre followed up on his own miss with the rebound and a 10-footer that hit the front of the rim and bounced into the net for 38-36 lead with less than three seconds left.

The visitors quickly inbounded and got the ball to their top scorer Chris Flynn, who led all players with 21 points. Under heavy pressure, Flynn moved across the width of the court and put up an awkward shot, well beyond the arc, that fell followed by the buzzer and the hush of the partisan crowd. Titans won 39-38.

Hawks coach Paul Longo said this game is a showcase of the team's promise being fulfilled.

"The work that all the boys have put in is finally coming together and they believe in themselves. The confidence is there. It was a tough way to lose. A three-pointer with no time left on the clock. It banks in. What are you going to do? It's just the basketball gods weren't on our side today," he said. "I'm proud of the defence, patience on offence. We made very, very few mistakes in that game. We didn't really turn the ball over very much. Give them credit. They're a very good team too, but it proved to our guys we're right there. We're right there with everybody else."

Just three days before, the Hawks played the Titans on the road and had been easily handled, losing 35-20.

"We just had scoring [troubles] again, but played great defence," he said. "So to have this game again against these guys and push them right to the brink and to lose by a point on a last second prayer from three-point land is, I think, a victory for us as much as it could be."

Haliburton started the game slowly. They steadily improved, spreading the ball with greater efficiency and forcing the Titans to take tougher shots.

After the first quarter, Longo reminded his team to stay focused on what has been taught all season.

"Stick with the plan and keep playing the



The Red Hawks junior point guard Sam Longo, left, moves past St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School Titans player Chris Flynn in Kawartha High School League action on Wednesday, Feb. 10 in Haliburton. Longo scored 14 points in the 39-38 loss. /DARREN LUM Staff

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— Paul Longo,
Hawks coach

D. Wait for our opportunities and be a little more patient on offence and things will happen," he said.

The Hawks came in with momentum initially built from a weekend tournament in Petawawa. They started that tournament with a dramatic 27-26 win against Whiddifield Secondary School from North Bay. Sam Longo sank a three-pointer to win the game with seven seconds left. Haliburton erased a 12-point deficit at the half on the strength of defensive adjustment.

Their next game was against Immaculata High School of Ottawa, who is considered one of the best teams in Ontario, Longo said.

The Hawks were blown out, but Longo was proud of his team for playing up to their potential.

The Red and White closed out the tournament with a solid effort against Arnprior. Only down a point at the half, Haliburton was worn down by Arnprior's larger players. They eventually lost by several points.

"We're carrying that momentum over into these games," he said. "Now we're in tight games. We had a bunch of tight games where we have a chance to win."

Longo did not have a shortage of pride for how the entire team, not just his top scorers, was ready to play and how it executed. The entire 12-boy roster was part of this close loss, coach Longo said.

"I'm proud of the guys. It's as simple as that. Proud of the guys. Great game. It could have gone either way. It was just a good hard fought game," he said.



Titans defender George Smith throws a hand up against the Red Hawks post player Jonas Hill, who scored six points, in Kawartha High School League action on Wednesday, Feb. 10 in Haliburton. The Hawks' Sam Longo scored 14 points in the 39-38 loss. Titans player Chris Flynn won the game for the Titans with a three-pointer at the buzzer after Haliburton took a short-lived lead with seconds on the clock from a Jordan Lapierre basket. /DARREN LUM Staff

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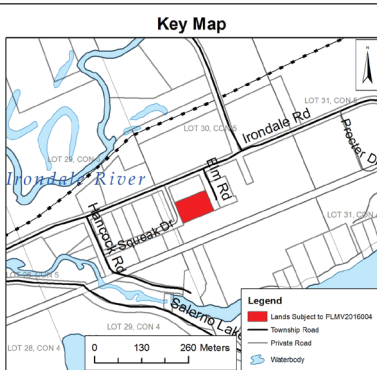
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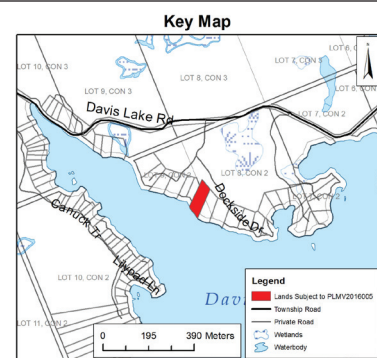
to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2016004**, and **PLMV2016005**. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

PLMV2016004 - Part of Lot 30, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Snowdon, and being PLAN 6 BLK G; LOTS 4 TO 7 E SPRUCE & LOTS; 4 TO 7 W ELM; municipally known as 1012 Elm Road.



Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new dwelling within the required interior side yard setback. The proposed dwelling would be located 10.7m (35') from the north lot line.

PLMV2016005 - Part of Lot 8 & 9, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, and being PLAN 208; LOTS 5 & 5A RP19R5322 PART 1; municipally known as 1062 Dockside Drive; and located on Davis Lake.



Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new dwelling to replace the existing dwelling which is located 7.3 m. (24') from the High Water Mark. The proposed dwelling would be 80.3 sq.m. (864 sq.ft.) which is 50% (26.76 sq.m. [288 sq.ft.]) larger than the existing dwelling, and 3.2 m. (10'6") higher; the applicant also proposes to construct a new attached covered deck (13 sq.m. [140sq.ft.]) and to raise the existing open deck. The new dwelling and covered deck would not encroach further towards the High Water Mark.

Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide your input, either in support or opposition to any of the proposed minor variances, by making a written submission to the Township or by speaking at the Public Hearing. If you do not attend the Public Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail iclendenin@mindenhills.ca. If you do not make a written submission prior to a decision, or make an oral submission at the Public Hearing, and subsequently submit an appeal of the decision, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

Additional information regarding the above noted applications is available online at www.mindenhills.ca. Copies of the complete application are available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2016.

Ian Clendenin, MPl.
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON., K0M 2K0



The Red Hawks boys' basketball team Jalen Campbell, front left, Nick Thompson, Hunter Smith and Devon Bangay. Head coach Dave Waito, left back, assistant coach Cody Bain, Drew Van Lieshout, Caleb Schmidt, McKay Coneybeare, Travis Carroll, assistant coaches Mike Rieger and Gord Cochrane. This team defeated I.E. Weldon Secondary recently to finish at the top of the Kawartha West High School Basketball League Conference with a 7-1 record./FILE photo

Hawks earn top seed in Kawartha west court

by GORD COCHRANE
Special to the Times

On Thursday, Feb. 11, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior basketball team travelled to I.E. Weldon Secondary School in Lindsay for its last Kawartha West Conference basketball game of the season. Both teams came into the game with identical records of 6-1. The teams had played earlier in the season at HHSS when the Red Hawks defeated Weldon in three overtimes. The winner of this game would be the top seed from the Kawartha west conference. The Red Hawks prevailed, winning 44-42.

HHSS jumped out to a 15-8 lead at the end of the first quarter. At halftime, the lead had been trimmed to 24-20, and after three quarters, they continued to lead, 34-31. Late in the fourth quarter, Weldon cut the lead to 36-35. But the Red Hawks recovered and maintained control. They played their best game of the year. Considering that this was for the league championship, the Red Hawks were cool and calm throughout the game. HHSS had a season high 15 steals and the Red Hawks committed only four turnovers, far and away their lowest turnover total of the year. They were led in scoring by Caleb Schmidt, who had a career high 14 points, making eight of 10 from the free throw line. Schmidt also led the team with five steals, followed by Jalen Campbell, who had three steals, Hunter Smith and McKay Coneybeare had two each, and Drew Van Lieshout, Devon Bangay and Nick Thompson had one steal each. Nick Thompson scored 13 points and led the team with eight rebounds, followed by Hunter Smith with five rebounds. The team made three of four from the three point line, with McKay Coneybeare making two of those three point shots.

Coach David Waito said this was a total team effort, as was demonstrated by the team committing only four turnovers and making 15 steals. The team defense was outstanding. With less than two minutes to go in the game,

and leading by only a point, Bangay forced the man he was guarding to go to his left (something the coaches had been instructing all of the team to do throughout the game), and, as a result, the Weldon player mishandled the ball and Schmidt got the steal. However, had it not been for the basic move by Bangay to force his man left, the steal would never have happened. With about one minute to go in the game and leading by only three points, the Red Hawks were in their patented zone press. Campbell came out of nowhere (demonstrating great anticipation), stole a pass and fed Schmidt for a layup. It was needed because Weldon then hit a three point shot with about 20 seconds left to pull within two points. But that was the way the score ended, the Red Hawks winning by two points.

This was an outstanding win for the team. HHSS is a class A school, having a school population of under 500. Weldon is a Class AAA school, having a school population of over 1000. At the beginning of the season, no one would have picked the Red Hawks to finish out the regular season as the best team in Kawartha west. Yet under the leadership of their two co-captains, Smith and Thompson, and their other Grade 13 teammate, Travis Carroll, they went on to post a 7-1 conference record!

Coach Waito could not remember the last time that Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior basketball team finished first at the end of the regular season.

This season coach Waito had instituted a "Mr. Big" award after each game, awarding to the player selected by the three coaches, coach Waito, assistant coach Gord Cochrane and assistant coach Mike Rieger, as the outstanding player of the game. Coach Waito then awards that player a Mr. Big candy bar. For this win, the coaches decided to award a Mr. Big candy bar to all eight players on the team, since this victory and this league west best standing finish was definitely a total team effort!

Flatman and O'Reilly grapple with Kawartha gold

The championship run is here!
On Tuesday, Feb. 9, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School wrestling team travelled to Cobourg to compete at the 2016 Kawartha Wrestling Championships hosted by Cobourg Collegiate Institute. Approximately 110 athletes representing high schools from across the region attended the event. HHSS wrestlers showed that they can wrestle with the best and posted some impressive victories.

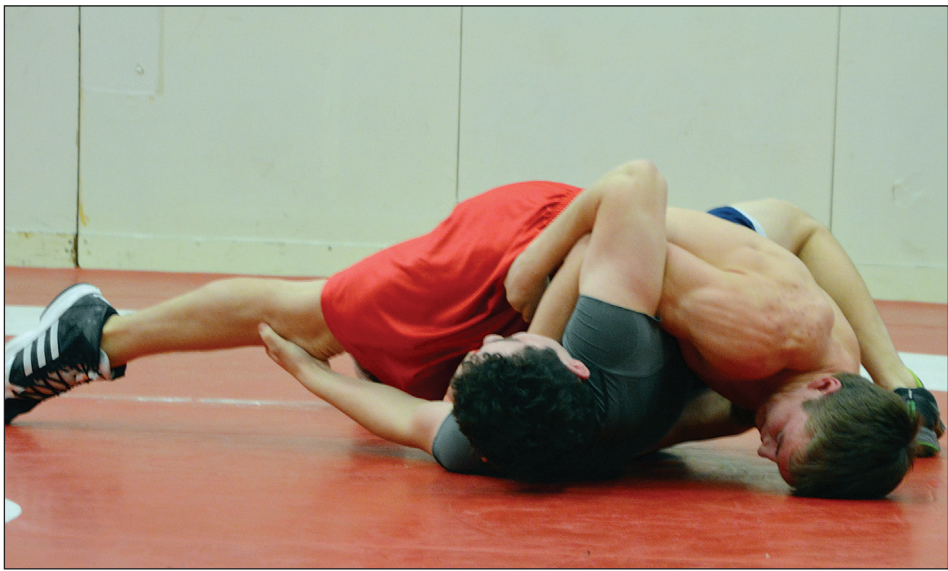
A special congratulations goes to Sonya Flatman (54 kg) and Shane O'Reilly (83 kg), who led the team and returned home as Kawartha champions.

By the end of the day, 14 Red Hawks ranked among the top four in their respective weight categories to advance to the COSSA Championships held on Wednesday Feb. 17 in Peterborough.

Submitted by Paul Klose.

Women's Results
1st Place - Sonya Flatman
2nd Place - Rebecca Hamilton, Emily Klose, Shelby Murdoch, Sonora Plumb
3rd Place - Chloe Samson, Zanna Zondervan
4th Place - Cassidy Glecoff, Taylor Walton
5th Place - Maya Meraw, Noelle Dupret-Smith

Men's Results
1st Place - Shane O'Reilly
2nd Place - Jackson Gartshore
3rd Place - AJ Gillam
4th Place - Aidan Coles, Matt Manning
6th Place - Connor Spence



The Red Hawks wrestler Shane O'Reilly (83 kilograms) pins his opponent on his way to winning at the Kawartha Wrestling Championship on Tuesday, Feb. 9 in Cobourg. Photo courtesy of Taylor Walton.



Hawks wrestler Shelby Murdoch celebrates a victory during the Kawartha Wrestling Championship on Tuesday, Feb. 9 in Cobourg.

Lady Hawks team pin down Kawartha crown

The Red Hawks girls' wrestling team won its first ever Kawartha Championship team title in Cobourg.

Coach Paul Klose said the girls, who earned the most points for their finishes, are excited about their accomplishment in a field of nine schools.

He adds this achievement will help promote the growth of the women's program.

"We have a great core of women on the team and most are returning next year. For now we will focus on preparing for the COSSA championships and advancing to OFSAA," he wrote in an email.

Prior to this even the team's best finish was second.

The boys' wrestling team finished in sixth.

Times Staff



NOTICE 2016 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216, the County of Haliburton enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect the County roadways during spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

Restriction on permits issued under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216:

As outlined in the Highway Traffic Act and County of Haliburton By-Law #2216, reduced loading will be in effect in the County of Haliburton effective 12:01 a.m. on March 1, 2016.

The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act and the By-Law, unless otherwise specified, are not valid on any County Roads during the Reduced Loads Period.

Reduced load limits will be in effect where and when signs are posted.

WHEN SIGNS ARE POSTED, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL HAVE A REDUCED LOAD LIMIT FOR THEIR ENTIRE LENGTH:

County Roads 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 39, 48 & 507

On and after **March 1st**, check the County of Haliburton website www.haliburtoncounty.ca under "Notices" to see when reduced load limits are in effect and when they are lifted.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-066/15
Applicant: John STUART, James STUART, & Robert STUART
Location of the Property: Lot 8, Plan 392, Geographic Township of Livingstone
Nature of the Application: Easement for Right-of-Way
2. File No. H-070/15
Applicant: Shirley McLAUGHLIN-ARCHER
Location of the Property: Part of Lot 13, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Creation of a New Lot
3. File No. H-037/14
Applicant: Richard & Dorothy SYLVESTER
Location of the Property: Part of Lot 10, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Addition to a Lot together with a Right-of-Way
4. File No. H-075/15
Applicant: Richard & Dorothy SYLVESTER
Location of the Property: Part of Lot 10, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Easement for Right-of-Way
5. File No. H-076/15
Applicant: Robert, Janice & Margaret GUILBAULT
Location of the Property: Part of Lot 10, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Easement for Right-of-Way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 18th day of February, 2016

Lisa Gillan
Secretary-Treasurer
Haliburton County Land Division Committee
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P. O. 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
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UPCOMING Community Events

See more events in our Winter Guide, available on newsstands across the Haliburton Highlands.

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

Free Family Snowflake Ball

When: Saturday, Feb. 20, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Where: Kinmount Community Centre

Come dressed in your finest! Snacks by donation.

Abbey Gardens Presents. . . Full Moon Series, Snowshoe under the Stars!

When: Monday February 22, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Where Abbey Gardens

With Abbey Garden staff. (rental snowshoes available upon request)

Participation by Donation. Suggested Donations is \$10.00 Register today. On-line at www.abbeygardens.ca or call 705-754-4769

Spaces Limited!

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, February 24, 10:30 am to Noon

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205

MINDEN: Making Baby Food Together

When: Monday, February 29, 10 am to noon

Where: Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd.) in Minden

Join Health Unit staff in learning to make healthy food for your baby. Call (705) 457-1391 or 1-866-888-4577 for more information.

Bowl for Kids Sake - Big Brother Big Sister

When: Wed. March 2, 2016

Where Fast Lane Bowling, Minden

Organize a team of bowlers. Collect pledges. No skill required. No Cost to Bowler

For more info or to participate, please call Rawn at 705-286-2401

Nature in the Hood 2016 - Reptiles Road Show

When: Saturday, Mar. 19, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Where: Haliburton Outdoors Association's Fish Hatchery 6712 Gelert Rd., Haliburton

Cost: General Admission: \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 per child, Family Pass (up to 2 adults and 2 children): \$30.00. Passport Holders: \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child, Family Pass (up to 2 adults and 2 children): \$20.00

Leader: Scales Nature Park

The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring their highly acclaimed outreach program, with a selection of interesting snakes and turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about.

Abbey Gardens Presents. . . Full Moon Series, Yoga in the Yurt. . .Yogurt!

When: Wednesday March 23, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Where Abbey Gardens

Light active yoga with Lynda Shadbolt of Haliburton Yoga (bring yoga mat & socks)

Participation by Donation. Suggested Donations is \$10.00 Register today. On-line at www.abbeygardens.ca or call 705-754-4769

Spaces Limited!

HALIBURTON: 'Meet the Nurse

When: Wednesday, March 23, 10 am to noon

Where: Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton Village. Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse, who can provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 or 1-866-888-4577 for more information

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HALIBURTON: Food Handler Course

When: Thursday, March 24, 9 am to 5 pm

Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.

This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391.

Snowball this weekend

DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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I had a look at the YouTube sensation, Kawagama TV and heard that The Tall Pines Snowmobile Club 2016 Dorset Poker Rally at Lions Camp Dorset on Saturday, Feb. 13 was a huge success! Thank you to all the volunteers and riders who participated. Proceeds benefit Lions Camp Dorset and Tall Pines Snowmobile Club. And thanks to Don Abel of Mountain Trout House Marina for producing Kawagama TV and keeping us up to date on weather, trail conditions and what's going on in Dorset!

This is it folks! Only one more sleep and the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival is here! Fantastic food and winter fun for the whole family! Come out for the Family Skating Party on Friday night at 6 p.m. There will be music to skate by, hot dogs and hot chocolate (donations to help cover costs appreciated) and a nice warm rink shack to warm up in.

Saturday events kick off at 8 a.m. with the LOB Holler Social Club All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast. Take note the breakfast times have changed from years past so don't be disappointed! The breakfast runs 8 to 10 a.m. Adults are \$6 with a button and kids under 10 are \$3 with a button. Buttons are available at the gate and at the rec centre.

The fun continues with a plethora of displays, demonstrations and activities for all ages. For a complete list, visit www.dorsetsnowball.com or stop by the rec centre to pick up a program. For more information, please or give the Dorset Rec Centre a call at 705-766-9968. A Snowball button is required to enter the carnival area and to participate in all activities. \$3

for adults and kids.

Don't forget to get your cardboard toboggan ready for the race that starts at 12 p.m. on Saturday. Anyone can enter – individuals, teams and groups – the more the merrier! Please register ahead of time to be ready to go for 12. Forms are available at the Snowball website or at the rec centre.

New this year and not to be missed is the Dorset Polar Plunge! The Dorset Volunteer Fire Fighters Association has organized a great event with proceeds to benefit the Dorset Community Health Care Hub. The event takes place on Saturday with registration from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and participants taking the plunge at 1 p.m. A minimum pledge of \$25 is required to enter. A signed waiver and consent form is also required. Prizes will be awarded for best costume, most individual pledges, and group pledges. The event is taking place at the Main Street location of Old Mill Marina. For more information, contact Chris at 705-349-1317.

If you are 50 or older, you are invited to the complimentary Dorset Lions Senior's Dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at the Dorset Rec Centre starting at 6 p.m. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Lion Esther at 705-766-2830 or Lion Eve at 705-766-9906.

Dorset Cooking Club with integrative nutrition health coach Sam Allard is on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Dorset Rec Centre. Enjoy cream of broccoli soup, make a batch and take some home! Cost is \$10 per person and registration 48hrs ahead of time is required. Email info@samanthawellness.com for information.

Birthday wishes for Feb. 14 to 20 go out to Kyle Jones, Sarina McKey, Lisa and Lindsey Dunn, Chris Clarke and Happy Sweet Sixteen to Jordyn Nash. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Kidd plays Legion



LEGION BR. 636

Brrr, Mother Nature, we've gotta have a talk!! Can I at least still extend a warm welcome to our newest members who were initiated last Saturday afternoon? Volunteers keep our Branch functioning and support the work of the Royal Canadian Legion. If you value our veterans and the principles of Remembrance of the sacrifices of our Armed Forces, please consider joining Minden Legion. Application forms are available at the bar.

The hearts of our veterans were certainly warmed by the valentine's created by Mrs. Coneybeare's Grade 3 class from Archie Stouffer School. The children included sweet personal messages of thanks for "freedom to run," for "peaceful places like my pool," for "healthy, tasty food like bananas, turkey and carrots." One student even wanted to know how they got the sandbags out there, and several asked the veterans to write back.

Later Saturday afternoon, a good crowd managed to brave the cold and bitter wind to hear the Highlands Trio entertain at the Legion. The music was great, the Chili was hot and the chicken wings yummy, thanks to a group of wonderful volunteers. The Trio will be back soon, but meantime if you'd like to warm your feet with more toe-tapping, come listen to another local group Saturday, Feb. 27. Minden Legion will be welcoming the classic country sounds of Gord Kidd and

Friends from 1 to 4 p.m. Once again there is no cover charge, but a donation to the band will show your support and appreciation of local music. Come early and bring your appetite, as food will be available.

Did you know Minden Legion has two lending libraries, one in the clubroom and the other in the Sports Room? During the Sunday Sports Day, I discovered the two books written by Winston Churchill on the Second World War, and one on the 1943 Canadian Campaign in Sicily and Italy. Whether or not you are a member, everyone is welcome to borrow a book. If you have a passion to own one of the books, you could make a suitable donation to our building fund.

Although our weekday lunches and most of our events are open to the public, there are a few activities which are for members only. On March 26, Legion members from 13 branches across our Zone will be playing Euchre in Fenelon Falls. Cost is \$40 for a four-player team and registration takes starts at 10 a.m. There are sign-up sheets posted in the Sports Room, but make sure you indicate the event beside your name. The top teams will be playing at District competitions on April 9 in Havelock.

Bluegrass fans will want to reserve July 15 to 17 for the Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival. Minden Legion is happy to be one of the sponsors of the weekend which features Ray Lagere and Grasstic Measures, Traditionally Wound, Winterline, County Road 5, Davis and Grant, Georgian Blue, Nelson Family Band and the Tebworth Brothers. For more information, go to www.MindenHillsBluegrassFestival.ca.

To submit your events to our
community calendar, email
classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Winterfest cancelled

AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Here at the old farmhouse it was a bit like a drop-in centre over the weekend. Catching up with grandson Ben over his bowl of colourful Fruit Loops we heard about his birthday party [turned 12], trumpet playing and good marks in French and hopefully Math. Later granddaughter Emma and boyfriend Chris arrived with great pictures of their recent Caribbean cruise including those of a very famous waterfall. Starting out to climb this tourist attraction they met an elderly gentleman struggling to complete this challenge on his personal bucket list. With a supreme joint effort they managed to help him to the top and down again all the while with water dripping on them only to hear his wife announce that she would like to do that too. They pretended not to hear. When we questioned their motivation for this random act of kindness "he reminded us of Grandpa" was the reply. Mid-afternoon brought son David and daughter-in-law Rita from their Crystal Lake cottage to our door with David's usual shout out "Hi old peeps." When questioned as to their motivation for this earlier than usual weekend visit it was apparently a radio reminder that due to the severe cold and reported furnace failures to check on the welfare of the elderly in your community

Please note that this year's Kinmount Winterfest will not be held as advertised this coming Sunday, Feb. 21 however the free Family Snowflake Ball on Saturday, Feb. 20 at the Kinmount Community Centre from 6:30 to 9 p.m. will take place with the snack bar open by donation.

Due to weather concerns the Kawartha Lakes Snowmobile Club's Family Fun Run 2016 was postponed and re-scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 27.

For those interested in the newly formed yoga classes there is a change of location from the Kinmount Community Centre to the Galway Hall. For more information about these classes please contact Lori Penner at 705-454-8451 or email her at loripenner@elitemail.org.

The past few days were ideal for curling up in front of the fireplace with a good book. Why not come out to the Friends of the Kinmount Library monthly Book Sale this Saturday, Feb. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the Branch and re-stock your library. Anyone interested in being part of the Friends group assisting with these Book Sales please give librarian May Ann Dobsi a call at 705-488-3199. Feedback received from the recent Public Meeting with regard to the proposed closing of the Burnt River Library indicated that it was standing room only at the large Burnt River Community Centre.

Speaking of books Emma brought me a belated birthday gift a book titled *Humans of New York: Stories*. Over the past five years its author Brandon Stanton has interviewed and photographed over 10,000 strangers on the streets of New York City. From those he has compiled a 427 page book of photographs and brief comments from each subject which make compelling reading. I still have a photograph which I took in New York years ago of a street post festooned with signs. At the top my favourite "Don't Even Think of Parking Here."

The Victoria Pony Club will hold its annual Trivia Night on Saturday, March 5 at the Galway Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$12 and available at Austin Lumber. This family event includes a Loonie Auction, Country Raffle, Trivia Challenge, Pizza and Sundar Bar. Members of the Club have been very successful in competitions at the regional, provincial and national levels.

The Annual General Meeting for 2015 of the Kinmount & Area Artisans Guild will be held on Sunday, March 6 at the Kinmount Community Centre from 2 to 4 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. It is hard to believe that the Guild was formed on March 31, 1999 with its primary project the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace officially opened on the Victoria Day weekend some seven weeks later.

Until next week keep busy and well. they go together...

County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Feb. 8 contract bridge at Stanhope: Leading the high scores was our reporter [3 events] Muriel McIntosh 4,720 followed by husband Doug 4,590. Bruce Armstrong 4,320 and Irena Zworska 4,250 with Muriel and Doug teaming up for a Small Slam.

Feb. 9 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that in first place was Susan Reed 4,330 then Dave Heaven 3,800 and Donna McArthur 3,760.

Feb. 9 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Top team members were Blanche Carr and John Kerr at 339 then Pam Pappas partnered with George Hamilton 291. In third spot at 277 were Connie Sawyer and June Fortune while the afternoon's low of 109 was posted by Diane Platt and Ray Lymer. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for this update.

Feb. 9 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Pat Marshall 285, Vi Howell 244, Clare Obdam 234 and Theresa Deak 231. First for the gents at 258 was Marcel Roussel followed by Al McMullen 244, Thom Arnold 233 and Archie Ross 216. Bev Johnson won the major draw with Kevin Maloney, Bill McKnight and Dwaine Lloyd claiming the smaller prizes. Betty Wagar also reports that Archie Ross, Albert Foster and Bev Johnson took the moonshots.

Feb. 9 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Holding the most lone hands was Tom Grix with Carol Wilson high lady and Shirley Davis low. Neil Darby led the gents with Jim MacPherson low man while Gala Newell won the special prize. Thanks to Nancy McPherson for this news.

Feb. 10 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howelll top marks went to Ross Fletcher and Mary Johnson 64 percent and Reet Murray partnered with Frank Schlotter 61 percent.

Feb. 11 euchre at Minden Legion: Most lone hand holders were Margaret Oetelaar and Bev Johnson with Donna Darby and Harold Harvie posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Elaine Smith and Carol Wilson while our reporter Tom Grix won the draw and Harold Harvie, Pearl Cowen and Kaye Bull took home the other prizes.

Feb. 11 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: From Bev Johnson the news that Tom Grix led for the ladies at 291 followed by Clare Obdam 272, Vi Howell 244 and Pat Roussel 232. First for the gents at 397 was Marcel Roussel then Bruce Metcalf 296, Jesse Barlow 279 and Doug McIntosh 244. Marg Oetelaar held the hidden score, Chris Burton took the card draw and Doug McIntosh call 1 while Anne Manning, Sharron Atkinson, Diane Wigley, Clare Obdam and Kevin Maloney claimed the moonshots.

Feb. 12 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Sue Pethick and Joan Davies tied for first at 59 percent with Jackie Metcalf and Carol Powadiuk..

Feb. 12 euchre at Staaworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that winning for high hands was Bev Johnson, for lone hands Ellen Holden, for low hands Sherin Brown and for the special prize Bev Johnson.

Feb. 15 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members were Ron Morrison 285, Tom Grix 267 and Vic Ballik 264 while Diane Wigley won the draw and moonshots struck Ida Young and Ron Morrison. Thanks to Rose Isaacson for her update.

Feb. 15 euchre at Staaworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was James Bastedo, for lone hands Pearl Cowen, for low hands Jean Randell and for the special prize Lil Mann. This news comes from our reporter Sherin Brown.

Notice

INSPECTION

Bancroft Minden 2011-2021 Forest Management Plan Inspection of Approved Planned Operations for Phase II 2016-2021

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. (BMFCI)** and the **Bancroft Minden Forest Local Citizen Committees (LCC)** are advising you that the Planned Operations for the second five-year term (2016-2021) of the 2011 - 2021 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Bancroft Minden Forest** have been approved by the MNRF Regional Director and are available for inspection.

The MNRF-approved Planned Operations for the second five-year term will be available for inspection for 30 days. During the 30-day inspection period, there is an opportunity to make a written request to the Director, Environmental Assessment Approvals Branch, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change for an individual environmental assessment of specific forest management activities in the Planned Operations for the second five-year term.

The MNRF-approved planned operations for the second five-year term and planned operations summary are available for inspection during normal office hours by appointment for 30 days **February 16, 2016 to March 17, 2016** at the following locations:

- Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office, 27578 Highway 62 South, contact Peter Nitschke at 613-332-6890.
- MNRF public website at ontario.ca/forestplans.
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For further information, please contact:

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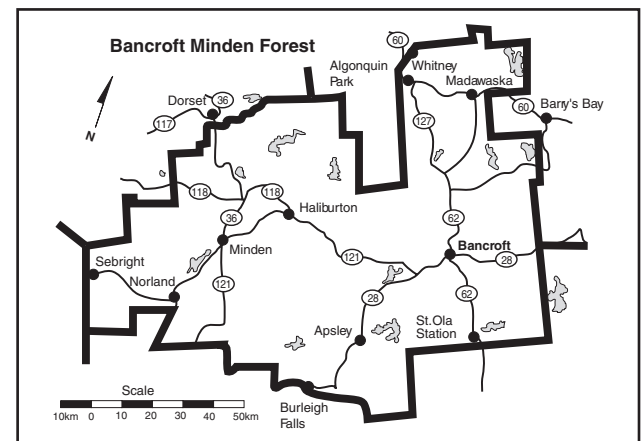
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The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Gary Meddick at 705-755-3228.



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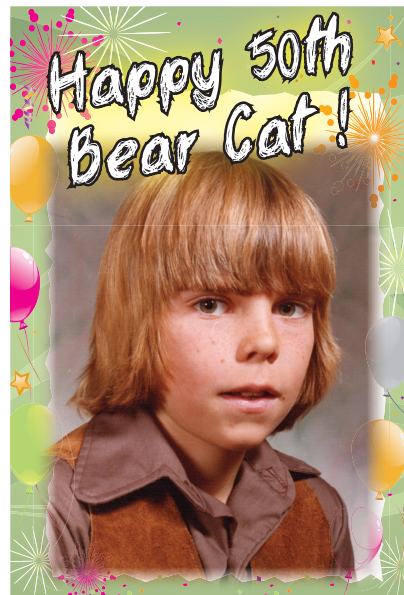
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Devoted and beloved husband of Donna, the "love of his life". Proud and loving Step-"Dad" to Bryan (Heather) of Toronto. Cherished "Bubba" of grandchildren Bridget and Patrick who brought him endless love and joy. Bob was predeceased by his loving parents Robert (1994) and Bertha (2015), and is survived by his sisters, Sandra of Markham and Nancy (Ron) of Orillia. Bob will be deeply missed by his brother-in-law David (Alyce) and sisters-in-law Gina (Tim), Barbara and Darlene. "Uncle Bob" will be remembered by his nephews Jon (Lynne), Tyler (Naomi), Nicholas, Matthew and his nieces Tonya (Dan), Amanda and Stephanie. "The Gang" will miss their dear friend, Bob as well as other family and friends in Canada and the United States. He will be missed for his kind and giving spirit. Bob retired after 27 years as a Business Agent for the Canadian Auto Workers in 2004 and he and Donna moved from Toronto to become full time residents on Maple Lake in the Algonquin Highlands, a dream come true.

Since his retirement Bob was a passionate and active volunteer, volunteering for a variety of organizations in the County. When Bob and Donna began wintering in Florida, Bob volunteer hours declined but he remained very active with the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, fundraising for Canoe, and he enjoyed volunteering for the annual Haliburton Highlands Hospital Foundation Charity Golf Tournament. Bob was a member of the Zion United Church.

Bob was elected as President of the "Westwinds" Recreation Board and he dedicated many hours to improving the recreation facilities and events. As President he raised awareness for the Manatee Food Bank and the Toys for Tots Campaign.

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Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

NEW LISTING

Lovely County Home \$179,000



- Yr round 3 bdrm home or cottage south of Kinmount
- 13 acres close Burnt River access on municipal road
- Backs onto Rail Line for sleds and ATVs
- 2 small cabins also on property need repair

Dagmar Boettcher 457-5968

Kennis Lake Road, West Guilford-Commercial \$124,900



- 244.86 ft frontage and 184 ft deep approx
- Kennis Lk RD-West Guilford.Hwy Commercial
- Well, Hydro, Had septic approval(expired)
- Level easy to build on

Gloria Carnochan 754-1932

Fully winterized Cottage \$399,000



- 160 ft hard sand/rocky-deep shoreline on Halls Lake
- 1800 sq.ft. total living space
- 3 bdrms+, 2 bathrooms
- Bunkie with 2 pce bathroom

Lee Gauthier 754-1482

Twelve Mile Lake \$469,000



- Large well-appointed home or cottage
- 3 Plus bedrooms, 3 washrooms & cathedral ceilings
- Double attached garage and separate shop
- Full finished basement, room for everyone!

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23

Beautiful 100 Acre Parcel \$120,000



- Private accessible lot on year round road
- Just 12 minutes to Haliburton
- Features two ponds & is teaming with wildlife
- Perfect location to build your dream home or retreat!

Brandon Nimigon 457-2128 x 27

Minden Home \$224,900



- Fantastic in town location
- 3 + bedrooms with rental potential
- Large deck & well cared for gardens
- Park like setting

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

Close to Ski Hill \$34,500



- Building lot in Eagle Lake Area
- 1.37 acres with frontage on 2 municipal roads
- Easy access with services at lot line
- Public beach, shopping & restaurants nearby

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

2 bdrm + Loft bungalow with basement \$214,900



- 3 Season sunporch & main fir laundry
- Beautiful Lot and breezeway to garage
- Paved driveway & covered porch
- WALK TO ALL AMENITIES in Haliburton!

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22

Beautiful Country Log Home \$285,000



- Approx. 458 Ft Rd Frontage, 1.78 Acres
- Approx. 1400 sq.ft., 3 Bdrm + Den, Hardwood
- Cathedral Pine Ceilings, Hardwood Flooring, W/S
- Dbl Car Garage - Close to Haliburton & Drag Lake

Mark Dennys 457-0473

Dream Big! \$104,900



- Build your own private Haliburton retreat on 54 acres
- Teaming with wildlife & fantastic views overlooking Haliburton Lake
- Great opportunity for tranquility & privacy yet close to amenities
- Driveway has been installed, building site has been cleared!

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

Highland Gate Estates \$209,000



- 4 bedroom side split
- Master with ensuite
- Sunroom
- Walkout basement
- Forced air heating + Pellet stove

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

Cameron Lake \$199,500



- West Exposure, Sand Beach, & Move In Ready!
- Charming 2 bedroom cottage with recent upgrades in 2014/2015
- Including: New Septic, New Propane Freestanding Fireplace, New Shingles, Upgraded Electrical, New Driveway!

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

Hall's Lake \$689,900



- Year Round 4 Bdrm/3 Bath Home
- Cathedral Ceilings, Double Sided Fireplace, Hardwood Floors
- Full Finished Walk-out Basement, Dbl. Att'd Garage
- 154' Frontage on One of the Deepest Lakes in North America

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32

Geeza Rd \$89,000



- Winterized modular cabin
- Ideal for snowmobilers - trails close by
- 2 bedroom
- Propane furnace & heatline to well

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

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